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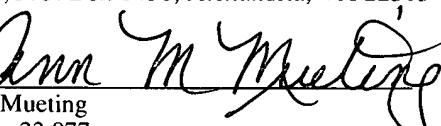
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the Examiner's attention as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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When the Examiner takes up the present application, consideration of these documents is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		6,388,010 B1	05/14/02	St. Clair			
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	X	WO 2004/026933 A1	04/01/04	WIPO				
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)

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	X	Odian, "Principles of Polymerization," third ed.; John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, NY, title page and pages 701-705.

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